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Title : The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri T.Bala Goud, a member of the 8th and 9th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri T. Bala Goud.

Shri T. Bala Goud was a member of the Eighth and Ninth Lok Sabhas from 1984 to 1991 representing the Nizamabad Parliamentary Constituency of Andhra Pradesh. Earlier, Shri Goud was a member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1978 to 1983. He served as a Cabinet minister in the Government of Andhra Pradesh from 1980 to 1982.

Shri Goud was a member of the Committee on Government Assurances; Joint Committee on Shipping Agents Licencing and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Industry during the Eighth Lok Sabha. He was also a member of the House Committee and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defence during the Ninth Lok Sabha.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Goud served as the Gram Sarpanch, Panchayat Samiti, Yellareddy from 1960 to 1970 and as its President from 1970 to 1975. He was the Chairman, Zilla Parishad, Nizamabad from 1982 to 1984. Shri Goud also served as the President of the Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Commission and played a proactive role in the uplift of the backward classes of the society.

A widely travelled person, Shri Goud was a member of the Indo-Soviet Friendship Society delegation to the erstwhile USSR in 1973.

Shri T. Bala Goud passed away on 1 March, 2010 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of 79.

We deeply mourn the loss of our friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.01 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MADAM SPEAKER : Thank you.